

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1994-739-S - ORDER NO. 2006-589
OCTOBER 6, 2006

IN RE: Application of Quail Hollow Utilities, Inc. for) ORDER ON
 Approval of an Increase in Sewer Rates and) MOTION FOR
 Charges.) CONFIDENTIALITY

 This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) on the Motion for Confidential Treatment of Financial Statement Form filed on behalf of an officer of Quail Hollow Utilities, Inc. (“Quail Hollow” or “the Company”). Unfortunately, the Motion provided no grounds for this Commission’s consideration as to its appropriateness. Accordingly, the Motion is denied at this time, although we also grant interim confidential treatment, for reasons explained below.

 When an individual as stockholder, partner, sole owner, etc. of a water and/or sewer company chooses to support a bond with a personal financial statement pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-512.3.3 and/or 103-712.3.3 (Supp. 2005) that person should understand that his financials are normally considered to be public information, and subject to the Freedom of Information Act (S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-10 *et seq.* (1976 and Supp. 2005), in view of the fact that a public utility is involved. Clearly, an applicant always has the option of furnishing a surety bond to meet the bonding requirement of operating a water and/or sewer utility. See 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-

512-3.2 (Supp. 2005) and 103-712.3.2 (1976). That fact that he has chosen a personal financial bond seems to indicate a willingness to make public his financial statement.

However, we believe that the individual connected with Quail Hollow in this matter should have a chance to furnish the grounds for this Motion to this Commission. Accordingly, the Motion is denied at this time. However, the applicant has ten (10) days from the receipt of this Order to furnish further information to support the Motion or to indicate that he prefers to meet the bonding requirement through other means. If this person chooses to provide further information in relation to his grounds for the original Motion, we can then reconsider the Motion at a later date. Until such time, the financial statement shall continue to receive interim confidential treatment by this Commission.

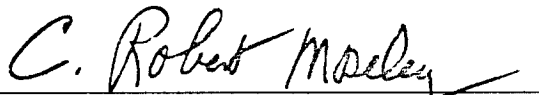
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice-Chairman

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